

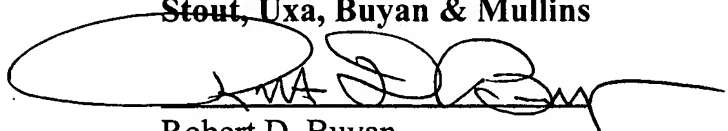
REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment, Claims 1-58 of the original application have been canceled and new Claims 59-76 have been presented for prosecution. The substitution of these new claims is merely for the purpose of clarifying a presently claimed embodiment of the invention and is not intended to narrow or limit the claimed subject matter.

New Claims 59-76 are directed to a device and system for facilitating fluid flow from the lumen of an anatomical conduit, out of a first opening formed at a first location in the wall of that anatomical conduit, through a flow channel located outside of the lumen of that anatomical conduit (e.g, through adjacent tissue or through a body lumen or body cavity located adjacent to the anatomical conduit in which the first and second openings are formed. A non-limiting example of such an embodiment is shown in Figure 17 of the application (as well as in other figures) and is described throughout the specification.

Examination and allowance of new Claims 59-76 is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel to discuss any measures that may be taken to facilitate prompt allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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